Boeing 777's magic rids to woo Air India

5925. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 26th April, 1995 captioned "Boeing 777's magic ride to woo Air India";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of new planes Air India likely to purchase during 1995-96 with total cost thereof including order for Boeing 777's, if any; and

(d) whether Air India has so far tapped capital market to generate resources to meet its requirement for growth; if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s. Boeing Company at their own initiative, brought one Boeing-777 aircraft to India on 24-25 April, 1995, as a part of a demonstration tour. Members of Parliament and officials of Air India and Government alongwith others were invited to participates in the demonstration flight.

(c) During 1995-96, no new aircraft is being delivered to Air India.

(d) Air India has not tapped the capital market to generate resources so far.

Engine overhaul training for the employees of Air India

5926. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 6890 given the Rajya Sabha on 12th May, 1994 and state:

(a) whether the employee whose names was not included in the posting list is a member of the Union with whom the management held discussion;

(b) whether the management has held discussions with Air Corporation Employees' Union in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the criteria adopted for such postings?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Air India Employees Guild (AIEG) is the recognised union for representing this category of employees.

(d) Selection of employees was made on the basis of overall sectional seniority and suitability.

Implementation of agreement between Air India and Employees Union

5927. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that instructions have been issued by Air India for implementation of agreement between Air India and Air Corporation Employees' Union before the Assistant Labour Commissioner, Central Bombay on the 15th September, 1992 regarding the promotion of some Scheduled Caste Stenographers;

(b) if so, why the agreement was not implemented and what action was taken, initiated on the officials responsible for this; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof and when the agreement will be implemented in full and final?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The understanding reached between Air India Management and ACEU on 15th September, 1992 was discussed again with ACEU and a revised understanding was signed before Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central) on 16.2.1995 which has been fully implemented.

Accident on an Air India's Boeing

5928. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India's new B-747-400 series aircraft met with an accident on ground at Bombay;

(b) if so, what was the cause of such an accident;

(c) whether any action was taken against the personnel responsible for occurrence of accidents in Air India: and

(d) what is the total loss caused to Government in the above accident with detailed break-up?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Air India's B-747-400 aircraft was involved in a ground incident at Bombay on 1.8.94 The incident occurred due to unauthorised handling of ground handling equipment by a cleaner.

(c) Departmental inquiry is in progress and disciplinary action will be taken based on the findings of enquiry.

(d) Rs. 1.10 lacs were spent towards labour and material cost.

Extension of service of Air India employees on contract basis

5929. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government nominees on Air India Board had opposed the extension of service of some employees of Air India on contract basis;

(b) whether it is a fact that despite the opposition and recording of dissent note, the Air India has continued employment of some of its employees on contract basis; and

(c) if so, what action Government have initiated to rectify the decision of Air India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) This issue is being examined.

Waiting list for allotment of Quarters to staff of Air India

5930. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a waiting list for allotment of housing quarters to staff of Air India at Bombay;

(b) if so, when this waiting list was prepared and since then how many employees have been allotted quarters from this waiting list and how many otherwise; details thereof;

(c) whether any employees arrested by the police in a criminal case and suspended by Air Indra has been allotted quarter during this period; and

(d) if so, on what basis?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) A waitlist of eligible employees was prepared and displayed on 24.3.94; out of 122 employees waitlisted for 'A' type flats 25 allotments have been made. For 'B' type flats, out of 218 employees waitlisted, 20 flats have been allotted and for type 'C' flats only 3 allotments could be made out of 126 employees waitlisted.